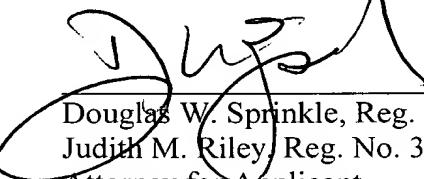


REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

1 3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [or 2], wherein at least two
2 packing members are provided.

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

1 5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims],
2 wherein the deformable portion of the packing member is resilient.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

1 6. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims],
2 wherein the frame is generally U-shaped.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

1 7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims],
2 wherein two frames are provided, one for location towards each end of the elongate
3 members.

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

1 10. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 8 [or 9], wherein the connecting
2 member between the two end frames has forklift protector plates to facilitate handling
3 of the apparatus.

Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

1 11. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims],
2 wherein the packing member is adapted to be positioned at different heights within
3 the frame.

Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

1 12. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims],
2 wherein the packing member is restrained against movement parallel and
3 perpendicular to the length of the constrained elongate members.

Claim 16 has been amended as follows:

1 16. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims],
2 wherein the retaining means is adapted to pull an upper packing member towards the
3 base.

Claim 18 has been amended as follows:

1 18. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims],
2 wherein the retaining means comprises flexible members adapted to be draped over an
3 uppermost packing member.

Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

1 19. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims],
2 wherein the packing member comprises a rigid section.

Claim 21 has been amended as follows:

1 21. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 19 [or 20], wherein one or more
2 deformable elements is fixed to the rigid section.

Claim 26 has been amended as follows:

1 26. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 22 [any of claims 22 to 25],
2 wherein the elastomer jacket defines angular edges that are adapted to exert increasing
3 compressive resistance to elongate member lateral motion with increasing applied
4 vertical force.

Claim 29 has been amended as follows:

1 29. (Amended) The method of claim 27 [or 28], wherein two frames are
2 provided, one for location towards each end of the elongate members.

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